# GREET MESSAGE

Peals of Merriment Ring Out in Senate When Document Is

MUCH INTEREST IN HOUSE

Roosevelt Makes Vicious Attack on Pulitzer, Editor of

World.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 15.—
Repeated peals of laughter greeted the feading of the opening paragraph of the President's message to Congress on the Panama Canal charges to-day. As the secretary read the statement that the charges were "false in every particular." Senator Bailey laughed out-right as he was passing along the right as he was passing along the Far of the chamber to his seat. Other generous on both sides of the chamber folined with him, and when the reador reached the statement that a statement in a newspaper which he mentioned would not be believed, there was general merriment from both sides of the chamber.

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trensaction from beginning to end. The men who attacked Mr. Root in the matter had not taken the trouble to read the public documents which would have informed them that Mr. Root had nothing to do with the purchase, which was entirely arranged throught the Department of Justice under the them. They consist simply of proof has been, or can ba, productive of a string of infamous libels. In form, they are in part libels upon individuals, upon Mr. Taft and Mr. Robinson, for instance. But they are in fact wholly, and in form partix, a libel upon the United Stand in form partix, and the form particular in the libel upon individuals who would not be left a form particular in the stand

brought.

Meanwhile I submit to you all the accompanying papers, so that you may have before you complete information on the subteet.

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In the act approved June 22, 1902, "To provide for the construction of a canal conditing the water of the Atlante and Particular the West of the Atlante and Conditing the water of the United States (January S.1.)

That the President of the United States is hereby authorised to acquire, for and on behalf of the United States, at a cost not exceeding \$40,00,000, the limited states, at a cost one exceeding \$40,00,000, the limited works plants and other property, real, perma and other property, real, perma and other property, real, perma and and other property, real, perma and and works of the Passenger and Street, of every name and nature, owned by the New Panama Canal Company of France, on the Isthmus of Panama, and sil its maps, plans, drawings, records on the Isthmus of Panama and in Paris, including all the capital stock, not less, however, than \$8,500 shares of the Panama Ralliroad Company, owned by or held for the use of said canal company, provided a satisfactory title to all of said property can be obtained."

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It thereupen became the duty of the President, in execution of this statue, to purchase the property specified from the Purchase the property specified from the New Panama Canal Company, of France, the property specified from the New Panama Canal Company, of France, the property specified from the New Panama Canal Company, of France, the property specified from the New Panama Canal Company, of France, the property specified from the New Panama Canal Company, of France, the property specified from the New Panama Canal Company, of France, the property specified from the New Panama Canal Company, of France, the property specified from the New Panama Canal Company, of France, the property specified from the New Panama Canal Company, of France, the property specified from the New Panama Canal Company, of France, the property specified from the property specified from the property specified from the pro

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tive, and every siep taken in France has there been made public by the proper officials.

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The Congress took the action it did take after the most minute and exhaustive examination and discussion, and the executive carried out the direction of the Congress to the letter. Every act of this government, every ant for which this government had the slightest responsibility, was in pursuance of the act of the Congress here, and following out the decree of the Civil Tribunal of the Saine in France.

Furthermore, through the entirely voluntary act of Mr. Cromwell, I am now able to present to you full information as to these actions in France with which this government did not have any concern, and which are set forth in the accompying papers.

It may be well to recall that the New Panama Canal Company of France did not litself propose to fix the figure \$40,000,000 as ine valuation of the canal and railroad properties. That sum was first fixed by our Isthmian Canal Commission in its reports to the Congress after two years of investigation, and personal inspection of all the properties and work already done, whereby the properties and the work done were detail appraise a fater as man and leading to the United Store, The Tree Tree makes or offer whatever in answer to the many written requests of the latimian Canal Commission, and when its president did approach the question of price, it was on the basis of \$100,000,000. Later, under conditions not necessary now to rehearse, the company, by cable, accepted the appraisement of \$40,000,000 made by our commission. This government, therefore, acquired all the properties and congress approving the price and authorizing the expenditure of the money after the most exhaustive examination and price, the Congress approving the price and authorizing the expenditure of the money after the most exhaustive examination and price, the Congress approving the price and authorizing the expenditure of the money after the most exhaustive examination of state the Departm Toys and Holly Boxes FREE.

action. So far as this government is con-cerned, every step of the slightest impor-tance has been made public by its execu-tive, and every step taken in France has there been made public by the proper of-ficials.

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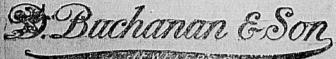
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